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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

As discussed briefly with the Examiner on August 27, 2003, enclosed please find an amendment after allowance. The applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment. In particular, claims 53 and 60 have been amended to remove the reference to the transfer support being formed from a "gas-tight thermoformable material". New claim 61 addresses this feature instead. Previously submitted claims 35 and 36 that were substantially similar to claims 53 and 60 did not contain the feature that the transfer material is made from a "gas-tight thermoformable material". In addition, the applicant believes that a transfer support made from a non gas-tight thermoformable material is supported in the specification on page 10 lines 22-24 and on page 11. The applicant is amending claims 53, 56 and 60 and adding new claim 61 because as of the filing of the Amendment on May 27, 2003, the applicant did not want to include this feature in independent claims 53 and 60 but rather wanted to have this

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feature in a dependent claim.

The applicant also believes that there is no substantial amount of additional work necessary for review since the applicant believes that no new search is needed and that the claims as amended would be sufficient to overcome the references cited. For example, the feature of the transfer support being a "gas tight thermoformable material" was not included in previously filed independent claims 35 and 36 which were reviewed for patentability based upon the art on record. In addition, the applicant believes that the arguments for patentability presented in the previously filed amendment on May 27, 2003 were sufficient to grant patentability based upon the scope of the now amended claims.

Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments to the claims after allowance because the applicant believes that the claims as amended are still patentable over the references cited taken either singly or in combination.

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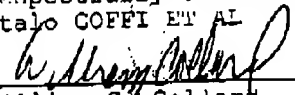
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